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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Misses Mary and Laura Winkler and Elizabeth Gruber went to Wellington Tuesday to attend a Sunday School convention of the German Evangelical church.

Oscar H. Westernman spent Sunday in Wellington.

Ben A. Gordon of St. Joseph returned home Sunday. He was called here several days ago by the death of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. David Proffitt went to Hiawatha, Kansas, Monday morning for a short visit.

Prof. E. W. White went to Kan City Monday to spend the day.

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Presley Boettler spent Sunday here with relatives.

H. Swartz went to Kansas City Monday morning on business.

V. A. Kelly went to Carrollton Sunday for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Drummond spent Sunday in Wellington.

Mrs. James Terhune and Mrs. Harry Caldwell went to Liberty Sunday morning for a few days' visit.

Dr. Frank Carter spent Sunday in Higginsville.

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C. B. Waddell went to Odessa Sunday for a brief visit.

Rev. T. M. Cobb held services at the Confederate Home Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Erlechof and little son, John, who have been visiting the family of Mrs. Margaret Weis, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Ike Noyes and baby returned Monday evening from a visit with relatives in Higginsville.

Gustav Haerle spent Monday in Kansas City.

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Vital Washington News.

BY TAVENNER.

The Democrats, assisted by a handful of fighting progressive Republicans, have forced a Republican administration to abandon some of the worst of the corporation-serving clauses placed in the railroad regulation bill by Attorney General Wickersham.

Wickersham framed this bill after a conference with six railroad presidents. Wall street knew long before the public appearance of the bill that it would be so drawn as to annul that feature of the Sherman anti-trust law which prevents mergers. Railroad interests bought and sold stock on the strength of their advance information. It is not plain as yet who supplied Wall street with information as to the kind of a bill Wickersham would draft.

Had the bill become a law as prepared by the attorney general, it would have practically destroyed all that has been accomplished in the last twenty years to give the government some measure of control over the railroads of the country.

No attorney general of the United States has ever been revealed in just the position Mr. Wickersham now occupies.

Instead of having drawn a bill that would tend to place greater safe-guards about the rights of the people as might naturally be expected from a public officer who is receiving a salary on the assumption that his office is giving such protection to the people, Wickersham has been charged on the floor of the Senate with having attempted to take from the masses even such inadequate safe-guards as they now enjoy, while at the same time giving the corporate interests the right to merge and do things that the Sherman law has forbidden them from doing.

At the time of Wickersham's appointment it was averred that he had been selected by President Taft in deference to the wishes of the corporations of the country, who had spent money and coerced workmen to vote the Republican ticket and who demanded as compensation for this service the privilege of naming the attorney general.

The feverish interests of special privilege in this office may be realized at full value when it is understood that the attorney general is in absolute charge of the prosecuting machinery of the government.

Whether Wickersham's appointment really was the result of a pre-election arrangement or not, the trusts have had no occasion to be dissatisfied with the President's selection. Whenever the rights of the people and special privilege come into conflict, Mrs. Wickersham decides favorably to the corporate interests and against the people. Some assert that Wickersham leans toward the corporations because of his temperament, and others attribute his attitude to force of habit, he having long been a corporation lawyer in New York. Whatever the reason, the records of the Attorney General's office show that Wickersham's opinions are invariably favorable to the big campaign fund contributing corporations.

President Taft's definition of a "Republican" member of Congress is one who will vote for legislation indorsed by him whether said Congressman believes the legislation is good or bad.

The President complains that the insurgents visit him at the White House and assure him of their great personal respect and well-wishes, and then go to the Capitol and vote against his railroad regulation bill.

"Why do you act this way?" a progressive Republican was asked. "Do you not respect the President of the United States?"

"I do, indeed, respect the President, both personally and officially," was the reply. "But I have even more respect for the welfare of 90,000,000 people of this country. The President sends the Congress a railroad regulation bill which absolutely annuls the Sherman anti-trust law. Along with the bill comes the ultimatum that our vote on this measure will be considered a test of our Republicanism. Wickersham, who drew the infamous document, says that Republicans who refuse to vote for the measure are socialists. We are willing to show all proper respect to the President, but he seems to fail to understand that a distinct moral question is involved. As between serving our conscience or the President we are put to the painful necessity of forsaking the President and voting against his railroad bill."

The recently "reformed" House Committee on rules is proving to be as secure a catacomb for proposed legislation antagonized by the special interests as was the one of which Speaker Cannon was chairman. Not a single resolution which might adversely affect unlawful combinations such as the sugar trust has been reported favorably by the new committee. Speaker Cannon dominates the reformed body just as effectively as he did the old Rules committee.

Attorney General Wickersham has given out two more of his famous opinions. One holds that the Secretary of War cannot lawfully refuse to award a contract for Panama canal supplies to the lowest responsible bidder simply because such bidder has been adjudicated to be a party to an unlawful trust and monopoly or otherwise arrying on business in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The other decision holds that Public Printer Donnell has no right to abolish certain branches of the government printing office simply because he thinks they are unnecessary and that he wishes to cut down expenses.

During the first 3 days of May the government spent \$2,602,063, 81 more than it took in. This would indicate that the new tariff law is a failure inasmuch as it is not producing sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the government.

The report that Roosevelt has written letters to President Taft, Son-in-law Longworth and others, indorsing the Taft administration has been given wide publicity by the Republican press. Careful inquiry brings out the fact that all of the persons mentioned in the story emphatically deny having received such a letter. And Roosevelt denies having written anything which could have been so construed.

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